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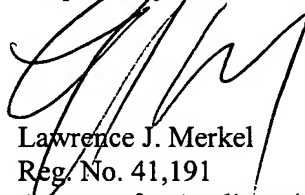
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- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s) \_\_\_\_\_, and/or
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<b>Form PTO-1449</b> (modified) List of Patents and Publications For Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement (Use several sheets if necessary)	ATTY. DKT. NO. 5500-47803	SERIAL NO. Unknown
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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		5,442,760	8/15/95	Rustad et al.			
		5,488,710	1/30/96	Sato et al.			
		5,513,330	4/30/96	Stiles			
		5,535,347	7/9/96	Grochowski et al.			
		5,586,276	12/17/96	Grochowski et al.			
		5,625,787	4/29/97	Mahin et al.			
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		5,669,011	9/16/97	Alpert et al.			
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		5,790,821	8/4/98	Pflum			
		5,809,273	9/15/98	Favor et al.			
		5,819,059	10/6/98	Tran			
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		5,828,874	10/1998	Steely, Jr.			
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		6,256,729	7/3/01	Cherabuddi, et al.			
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		5,828,895	10/98	Chan, et al.			
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		93/17385	2/1993	WO			

### OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		International Search Report, Application No. PCT/US 00/12617, mailed September 6, 2000.

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